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JOINT STATE/AGRICULTURE MESSAGE

MONTEVIDEO FOR AGATT.

1 AT REQUEST OF CONGRESS, THE GAO DEVELOPING INFORMATION
ON GRAIN EXPORTING MARKETING SYSTEMS IN CANADA, AUSTRALIA,
ARGENTINA, AND EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND SOYBEAN EXPORT

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MARKETING SYSTEM IN BRAZIL. REVIEW PRESENTLY UNDER WAY IN

WASHDC (STATE, AGRICULTURE, STR, FOREIGN EMBASSIES, ETC.), WITH OVERSEAS VISITS TO ADDRESSEE POSTS SCHEDULED BY THE GAO BETWEEN LATE NOVEMBER THROUGH MID-DECEMBER. GAO OVERSEAS DIRECTORS EUROPEAN (FRANKFURT), FAR EAST (HONOLULU), AND LATIN AMERICA (PANAMA) BRANCHES ARE NOTIFYING POSTS OF ACTUAL ARRIVAL DATES, AND NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF GAO AUDITORS; GAOWASHDC NOTIFYING OTTAWA.

2. OBJECTIVE OF REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE HOW OTHER NATIONAL AND REGIONAL GRAIN MARKETING SYSTEMS OPERATE, AND TO OBTAIN AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY INFORMATION OF THE NAMED GOVERNMENTS, BEARING ON: (1) LAND USE OR ALLOCATION FOR PRODUCTION; (2) PRICING STRUCTURE; (3) MARKET ANALYSIS AND INTELLIGENCE; (3) TRANSPORTATION; (4) HANDLING AND STORAGE; (5) INSPECTION AND GRADING; AND (6) ALLOCATION OF PRODUCTION TO DOMESTIC AND EXPORT. IN LOOKING AT EXPORT POLICIES AND PRACTICES, THE GAO AUDITORS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH:

(1) GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT, AND THE RELATIONSHIPS OF THE TWO SECTORS ON SUCH MATTERS AS PRICING ARRANGEMENTS, FEES, AND OTHER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, CONTRACT TERMS, TAXES; (2) ALLOCATION OF EXPORTS TO MARKETS; (3) EXPORT SUBSIDIES; AND (4) FOOD AID OR DONATION PROGRAMS.

3. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY (AGATT), AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. DEPARTMENT AND FAS WISH BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT. KISSINGER UNQTE

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